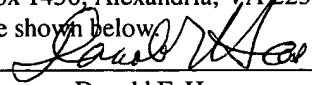




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French Patent 1,151,630 relates to a process for making saturated alcohols such as 3-ethyl-heptanol-1, 3-ethyl-hexanol-1, or a mixture of the two. The process for making these products involves continually dimerizing an olefin of the formula $R-CH=CH_2$ in the presence of an aluminum alkyl catalyst and then continuously hydrogenating and carbonylating this material to form the products described above.

The Examiner is requested to indicate consideration of this art on the attached PTO-1449 (Modified) by initialing next to each item submitted by the Applicant.

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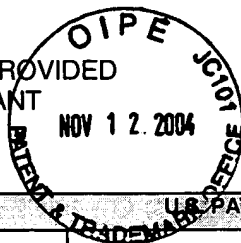
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